

## **Acton Council on Aging Board Meeting Minutes for 5/21/2012**

**Present:** Barbara Tallone, Chair; Charlie Aaronson, Vice Chair; Barbara Willson, Secretary; Sharon Mercurio, Director; Ann Corcoran, Treasurer; Sally Thompson; Paul Turner; Norma Wu, Liaison Friends of the COA.

**Absent:** Stephen Baran; Pat Ellis; Jim Papachristos; Mike Gowing, Liaison Board of Selectmen; Sgt. Ray Grey, Liaison Police Department.

**Visitors:** Marion Maxwell, Pat and Peter Schappert.

### **Call To Order: Barbara Tallone**

The meeting was called to order by Barbara Tallone at 3:45 on 5/21/2012 at the Senior Center.

### **Items Distributed at meeting or available electronically:**

Agenda for May COA meeting  
Minutes of the April COA Board meeting  
Director's Report

### **Review of the Minutes of April**

The minutes of the April meeting were approved as distributed.

### **Director Report: Sharon Mercurio**

Highlights from the various meetings attended and hosted include:

- A case study approach at the Emerson Hospital Collaborative meetings
- A "code of conduct" to be applied in all Acton town buildings including ban on swearing and alcohol
- The COA van now taking trips to Market Basket
- The advanced notice time for a ride on The Road Runner was reduced from 48 hours to 24 hours

The Town Manager now has a blog and has asked for updates from Department Directors. Under discussion are the renovations of the Senior Center with a focus on safety and recognition of Acton residents 90 years and older.

Average number of people at the center each day in April was 113.

Eleven programs were oversubscribed this month including art, exercise and trips.

### **Nominating Committee: Barbara Willson**

The slate to consider for the June election is:

- Chair: Barbara Willson
- Vice Chair: Charlie Aaronson
- Secretary: Ann Corcoran
- Treasurer: Sally Thompson

There was no response to the call for further nominations

### **Liaison Board of Selectmen: Mike Gowing**

No report

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**Liaison Friends of COA: Norma Wu**

The group will meet monthly and welcomes new members. The annual Fair is scheduled for November 17, 2012. Quilt raffles will take place at the polling centers.

**Liaison Minuteman Senior Services: Charlie Aaronson**

A report of data from the state shows Acton seniors are healthier than average. A new statewide healthcare delivery service called Patient-centered Home requires provider groups to qualify. Criteria includes Electronic Medical Records and at least 5000 Medicare patients. The goal is health promotion through a continuum of care coordinated by each person's "home" primary care setting.  
The funding for the nutrition programs has been reinstated.

**Liaison Police Department: Raymond Grey**

No report

**Adjournment-Next Meeting: Barbara Tallone**

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m. The next meeting will be at 3:30, June 11 at the Senior Center, followed by potluck of appetizers to which Senior Center staff are invited.

**Respectively submitted,**

**Barbara Willson,Secretary**